

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Embodiments of a device and method for managing power in a computer system can reduce power consumption. A circuit such as a filter driver having a packet monitoring function can be used to perform a check on whether a specific device such as an audio or USB device is in use and a check on the power management state of a CPU. Depending on the checked results, the filter driver forces the CPU power management state to enter a specific power saving state. Accordingly, unnecessary power consumption caused by the CPU in an idle state can be reduced or prevented. Further, heat generated by the CPU can be reduced or suppressed.